

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 14, with the following paragraph:

As far as permitted, the disclosures of (i) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/714,598, entitled, "A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR RESETTING A REACTION MASS ASSEMBLY OF A STAGE ASSEMBLY," filed on November 16, 2000, (ii) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/713,911, entitled "STAGE ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A REACTION ASSEMBLY," filed on November 16, 2000, and (iii) U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/713,910, entitled "STAGE ASSEMBLY INCLUDING A REACTION ASSEMBLY THAT IS CONNECTED BY ACTUATORS," filed on November 16, 2000, are incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims:

Please substitute and enter amended claims 12, 20, 23, 28, 47, 52, 57 and 80 for previously pending claims 12, 20, 23, 28, 47, 52, 57 and 80 as follows:

12. (First Amended) A stage assembly that is adapted to move a device relative to a stage base, the stage assembly comprising:
- a stage adapted to retain the device;
 - a stage mover assembly connected to the stage, the stage mover assembly moving the stage with at least two degrees of freedom and generating reaction forces in at least two degrees of freedom;
 - a reaction mass assembly coupled to the stage mover assembly, the reaction mass assembly being adapted to reduce the reaction forces in at least two degrees of freedom that are transferred to the stage base; and
 - a reaction mover assembly that adjusts the position of the reaction mass assembly relative to the stage base along an X axis, along a Y axis and about a Z axis.